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SUMMARY: MAIN POINTS OF MLSTP PROGRAM ARE:

COMPLETE AND TOTAL INDEPENDENCE, NO ANNEXATION, LAND REFORM AND
AN END TO A ONE CROP ECONOMY. END SUMMARY

1. THERE FOLLOWS A TRANSLATION OF THE MAIN POINTS OF THE PROGRAM
OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
(MLSTP). A CONGEN OFFICER OBTAINED THE DOCUMENT DURING A RE-
CENT VISIT TO THE ISLANDS.

MINIMUM PROGRAM

1. UNITE ALL THE PEOPLE TO ELIMINATE PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM.
2. DEFEAT ALL ATTEMPTS BY THE PORTUGUESE TO RAISE BARRIERS AND
TO CREATE DIVISION AMONG THE PEOPLE.

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3. COMPLETE AND FRATERNAL UNITY IN WHICH ALL EXPLOITED PEOPLE-

FORCED LABORERS, APPARENTLY FREE WORKERS, LABORERS, FISHERMAN, DOCKWORKERS, FARM OWNERS, STUDENTS, BUREAUCRATS, MERCHANTS AND SHOP WORKERS - WOULD BE UNITED IN THE COMMON IDEAL OF THE COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE DESTRUCTION OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM.

4. COOPERATION WITH NATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS OF OTHER PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AND MUTUAL HELP, IN ORDER TO COORDINATE ACTION AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY.

5. ALLIANCE WITH ALL THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THE WORLD FOR THE CAUSE OF THE LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE.

MAXIMUM PROGRAM

1. COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE

A) ABOLITION OF ALL THE PRIVILEGES CONCEDED BY THE COLONIAL REGIME TO THE PORTUGUESE AND OTHER FOREIGNERS:

B) CREATION IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE OF A SOVEREIGN STATE WHOSE POWER EMANATES FROM THE POPULAR WILL:

C) THE NATION OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE WILL HAVE THE INVIOABLE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, DIPLOMATIC, MILITARY, CULTURAL AND OTHER AREAS;

D) REVISION OF ALL THE TREATIES, ACCORDS AND ALLIANCES IN WHICH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT INVOLVED OUR NATION.

2. A DEMOCRATIC, ANTICOLONIALIST, ANTI-IMPERIALIST REGIME

A) A REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC, SECULAR, ANTI-COLONIALIST AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST REGIME;

B) GUARANTEE OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND EQUALITY OF CITIZENS, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SOCIAL ORIGIN, SEX, OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR PHILOSOPHICAL TENDENCIES;

C) IMMEDIATE ABOLITION OF THE REGIME OF FORCED LABOR AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONDITIONS OF THE WORKER;

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D) A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ALL THE PEOPLE;

E) SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE WAR OF LIBERATION;

F) CREATION OF CONDITIONS TO GUARANTEE WORK FOR EACH CITIZEN ACCORDING TO HIS APTITUDES AND EDUCATION;

G) ELIMINATION OF ILLITERACY AND IMPROVED EDUCATION TO GIVE VALIE

TO AN AUTHENTIC NATIONAL CULTURE.

3. ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION

A) DESTRUCTION OF THE COLONIAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURE AND ABOLITION OF THOSE PRIVILEGES INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE NEED TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL ECONOMY;

B) AGRARIAN REFORM WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A DISTRIBUTION OF LAND ACCORDING TO THE NEED TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL ECONOMY;

C) DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY BY PLANNED STEPS;

D) PROGRESSIVE ELIMINATION OF A ONE CROP ECONOMY BY DIVERSIFICATION AND AN INCREASE IN PRODUCTION BY GRADUAL MECHANIZATION OF THE FIELD WORK;

E) CREATION OF INSTITUTES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RICHES;

F) DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.

4. INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL POLICIES

A) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, NON-AGGRESSION, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND EQUALITY;

B) RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE OAU AND THE UN.

5. AFRICAN UNITY

A) SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR UNITY;

B) CREATION OF CONDITIONS IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE THAT PERMIT
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ITS PEOPLE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS STRUGGLE;

C) OPPOSITION TO ALL ATTEMPTS OF ANNEXATION OR OF OPPRESSION OF A PEOPLE TO REALIZE THEIR UNITY.

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